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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified continuation application, please amend the application as follows. A check for the required fees is enclosed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 4-14, 17-26 and 30.

Please amend the claims as follows:

27. (twice amended) A direct current sum bandgap voltage comparator comprising:

- a power supply having a predetermined threshold voltage level which defines the minimum acceptable voltage level of the power supply;
 - a summing node;
- a plurality of current sources connected to the summing node and directly connected to a power supply voltage, each current source further comprising at least one <u>field effect</u> transistor and at least one bipolar junction transistor and each current